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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following applications in compliance with §2001.06(b) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures. By identifying the copending applications, the assignee and/or applicants of the applications do not waive confidentiality of the applications. Accordingly, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the pending applications under 35 U.S.C. §122.

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 In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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To assist the Examiner, the listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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